



# **PRESS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

CONTACT:  
MARILYN ERRETT (916) 445-7912

## **COA Reports Mixed Accreditation Results**

SACRAMENTO – In its annual report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) issued November 6, 2008, the Committee on Accreditation (COA) reported that of the 14 institutions it reviewed this year, 50 percent received full accreditation while the remaining 50 percent received accreditation with stipulations.

The COA is a statutory committee appointed by the Commission and charged with deciding the initial and continuing accreditation of educator preparation programs. Stipulations are imposed when a program has not met standards for full accreditation.

Programs reviewed and the corresponding accreditation decisions are listed in the chart below.

<b>COA Accreditation Decisions 2007-2008 Visits</b>	
Individual program reports are available at: <a href="http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accreditation-reports.html">http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/accreditation-reports.html</a>	
<b>Program Sponsor</b>	<b>Accreditation Decision</b>
Alliant International University	Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations
Argosy University	Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations
CSU, Bakersfield	Accreditation
CSU, Fullerton	Accreditation
Dominican University of California	Accreditation
Holy Names University	Accreditation with Substantive Stipulations

-MORE-

InterAmerican College	Accreditation
Loma Linda University	Accreditation
Orange County Department of Education	Accreditation with Technical Stipulations
Phillips Graduate Institute	Accreditation with Technical Stipulations
Project Pipeline	Accreditation with Substantive Stipulations
Stanford University	Accreditation
UC Riverside	Accreditation
Vanguard University	Accreditation with Substantive Stipulations

“Accreditation” is the approval process that all educator preparation programs undergo to license educators in California. The educator preparation accreditation system focuses on demonstrated competence of California’s educators. The system features ongoing data collection and a 7-year cycle of activities, including at least one site visit. The Commission’s Committee on Accreditation can determine at any point if program intervention or assistance is needed. The accreditation system’s success is measured by the continuing viability of programs that produce effective educators for California’s students.

When the COA determines that an institution/program sponsor is "Accredited with Stipulations", the stipulations are to be addressed by the institution/program sponsor within one year. The COA reviews the evidence submitted and then removes the stipulations once they have all been met. There are three types of stipulations that can be placed upon an institution/program sponsor or program:

**Technical Stipulations:** the concerns or problems are primarily technical in nature (defined as operational, administrative, or procedural concerns or problems). The institution is determined to have overall quality and effectiveness in its credential programs and general operations apart from the identified technical matters.

**Substantive Stipulations:** the concerns or problems are significant deficiencies in meeting the standards, or areas of concern that are tied to matters of curriculum, field experience, or candidate competence. The review team may identify other issues that impinge on the ability of the institution to deliver programs of quality and effectiveness.

**Probationary Stipulations:** the concerns or problems are preventing the institution from delivering programs of quality and effectiveness. The institution may be determined to have quality and effectiveness in some of its credential programs and general operations but these areas of quality do not outweigh the identified areas of concern.

In 2008-09, the COA will make 15 more accreditation site visits.

###